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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's amendment entered 12/28/2010 has been entered. Applicant's arguments filed 12/28/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's argues that given the date of the reference, Chen et al. (US 2008/0311287) is not proper prior art against the claimed invention. However, it should be noted that Chen is used as an evidence reference just to teach the motivation of using a coating composition comprising a swelling agent such as alcohol and ketone. In certain circumstances, references cited to show a universal fact need not be available as prior art before applicant's filing date. In re Wilson, 311 F.2d 266, 135 USPQ 442 (CCPA 1962). Such facts include the characteristics and properties of a material or a scientific truism. See MPEP 2124.

2. Applicant argues that the list of particles that can be selected in Knox (US 2005/0196626) is far greater than what the examiner references at page 8 and particles referenced by the examiner are not even referred as pigments.

However, Applicant discloses that use of pigments which includes colloidal silica, titanium oxide or cesium oxide. While Knox does not explicitly refer to colloidal silica, titanium oxide or cesium oxide as pigments, given that they are identical to the ones used by the applicant in his invention, it is clear that they would intrinsically be pigments. Further, it should be noted that while Knox does disclose other pigments or particles than those claimed, Knox does not disclose a vast number of pigments from which to choose. Additionally, Knox explicitly discloses pigments such as colloidal silica, titanium oxide, cesium oxide and mixtures thereof. Therefore, absent evidence to the

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contrary, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art to pick colloidal silica, titanium oxide mixed together with the polyurethane latex, which is also disclosed by Knox ([0159]), in the photochromic polymeric coating composition.

3. It is noted that claim 62 has improper status identifier. Claim 62 should be indicated as "Withdrawn".

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RONAK PATEL whose telephone number is (571)270-1142. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8 AM EST to 6PM EST.

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